

Upper Pittsgrove Township

March 8, 2022

A regular meeting of the Upper Pittsgrove Township Committee was held in the Township Hall on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Edward Meschi reading the public announcement stating that adequate notice had been given provided under the “Open Public Meetings Act” with a flag salute and the following present:

Edward Meschi	Committeeman
David Zeck	“
Bruce Bishop	“
Jack Cimprich	“
Michael J. Seery, Sr.	“
Susan DeFrancesco	CFO
Brian Coles	Public Works Superintendent
& Township Visitors	

Seery moved that the minutes of the February 8, 2022 regular meeting be approved as received which motion was seconded by Zeck adopted unanimously.

The following monies were received from:

Susan DeFrancesco, Tax Collector – Taxes Collected	\$1,483,070.98
Linda R. Stephens - Zoning Permits	120.00
– CO	50 .00
– White Goods	160.00
- Convenience Center Stickers	24.00
- Certified Copies	10.00
- Marriage License	56.00
County of Salem – Municipal Alliance	350.00
Pilesgrove Joint Court - Court Costs	1,552.87
Garden State Homes – Pad Fees	1,600.00
First National Bank of Elmer - Int. on NOW	198.16
First National Bank of Elmer - Int. on MMA	431.41
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TOTAL	\$1,487,623.42

The Treasurer’s report showed the following balance as of February 28, 2022:

Current Fund - Checking Account	\$ 1,486,887.25
Current Fund - Money Market Account	1,078,507.85
Alt. Landfill Closure Escrow Fund	38,564.01
Capital Improvement Fund	854,512.42
COAH Developer’s Fees Escrow Fund	95,293.77
COAH Twp. Contribution	324,610.83
Farmland Preservation Fund	107,245.88
Municipal Alliance Trust Fund	7,976.29
Veterans Memorial Fund	653.59
American Recovery Act	<u>175,581.50</u>
Total	\$4,169,833.39

Seery moved that the approved bills listed on the “BILL PAYING LIST” as presented to the Committee be paid which motion was seconded by Cimprich and adopted upon a call of the roll.

Bishop - Yes      Cimprich – Yes      Seery – Yes      Zeck – Yes      Meschi - Yes

Cimprich introduced “EMERGENCY TEMPORARY RESOLUTION PRIOR TO FINAL ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET TOWNSHIP OF UPPER PITTSBORO, COUNTY OF SALEM” known as R-16-2022

Cimprich moved that this Resolution be adopted, which motion was seconded by Seery and adopted upon a call of the roll.

Bishop - Yes      Cimprich – Yes      Seery – Yes      Zeck – Yes      Meschi - Yes

Zeck introduced “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE COMPENSATION TO BE PAID TO THE ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER PITTSBORO” known as Ordinance 2022-1 as per attached copy.

Zeck moved that this ordinance be approved on first reading and that a copy of this ordinance be published in the *South Jersey Times* issue of March 11, 2022 together with a notice of its introduction and a public hearing to be held at the Township Hall on April 12, 2022 at 7:00PM.

This motion was seconded by Bishop and adopted upon a call of the roll.

Bishop - Yes      Meschi - Yes      Seery - Yes      Zeck – Yes      Cimprich – Yes

Seery introduced “RESOLUTION AWARDING BIDS FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND RECYCLING COLLECTION” known as R-17-2022.

Seery moved that this Resolution be adopted, which motion was seconded by Bishop and adopted upon a call of the roll.

Bishop - Yes      Meschi - Yes      Seery - Yes      Zeck – Yes      Cimprich –Yes

The Tax Collector, Susan DeFrancesco, presented the Township Committee with her annual report for their review. Ms. DeFrancesco reported that the collection rate for 2021 was 96%. The Committee thanked Ms. DeFrancesco for her due diligence with tax collection.

Cimprich introduced “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR FEES AND IDENTIFICATION STICKERS AND DISPOSAL FEES FOR WHITE GOODS AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS” known as Ordinance 2022-2

Cimprich moved that this ordinance be approved on first reading and that a copy of this ordinance be published in the *South Jersey Times* issue of March 11, 2022 together with a notice of its introduction and a public hearing to be held at the Township Hall on April 12, 2022 at 7:00PM.

This motion was seconded by Bishop and adopted upon a call of the roll.

Bishop - Yes      Meschi - Yes      Seery - Yes      Zeck – Yes      Cimprich – Yes

Cimprich introduced “RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FINAL APPROVAL KESSEL’S NURSERY, LLC BLOCK 14 LOT 7” known as R-18-2022

Cimprich moved that this Resolution be adopted, which motion was seconded by Seery and adopted upon a call of the roll.

Bishop – Yes      Cimprich – Yes      Seery - Yes      Zeck – Abstain      Meschi - Yes

Cimprich introduced “RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FINAL APPROVAL KESSEL’S NURSERY, LLC BLOCK 14 LOT 9” known as R-19-2022

Cimprich moved that this Resolution be adopted, which motion was seconded by Seery and adopted upon a call of the roll.

Bishop – Yes      Cimprich – Yes      Seery - Yes      Zeck – Abstain      Meschi - Yes

Cimprich introduced “RESOLUTION AWARDING QUOTE FOR 2022 SHELTER SERVICES” known as R-20-2022.

Cimprich moved that this resolution be adopted, which motion was seconded by Zeck and adopted upon a call of the roll.

Bishop - Yes      Meschi - Yes      Seery - Yes      Zeck – Yes      Cimprich –Yes

Cimprich introduced “RESOLUTION AWARDDING QUOTE FOR CERTIFIED OUTBOUND SURVEYS AS REQUIRED FOR THE PLANNING INCENTIVE GRANT” known as R-21-2022

Cimprich moved that this Resolution be adopted, which motion was seconded by Seery and adopted upon a call of the roll.

Bishop – Yes      Cimprich – Yes      Seery - Yes      Zeck – Abstain      Meschi - Yes

Cimprich introduced “RESOLUTION AWARDDING QUOTE FOR TITLE/SETTLEMENT WORK AS REQUIRED FOR THE PLANNING INCENTIVE GRANT” known as R-22-2022

Cimprich moved that this Resolution be adopted, which motion was seconded by Seery and adopted upon a call of the roll.

Bishop - Yes      Cimprich – Yes      Seery - Yes      Zeck – Abstain      Meschi – Yes

Seery introduced “RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER PITSTGROVE AND THE TOWNSHIP OF CARNEYS POINT FOR PRIMARY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE BASIC LIFE SUPPORT (AMBULANCE) COVERAGE” known as R-23-2022

Seery moved that this Resolution be adopted, which motion was seconded by Bishop and adopted upon a call of the roll.

Bishop - Yes      Cimprich – Yes      Seery - Yes      Zeck – Yes      Meschi – Yes

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public for comment. Residents Jerry Cullen and Edward Hutchison gave a slide presentation on repairs to the Old Mill by the Boy Scouts over the last 30 years. Resident James Guarerra spoke his opinion about the use of wood to re-side the Old Mill and the prep work he advised to be done prior to any siding being put up. Charles Hannah addressed the use of hardy board. He stated, based on his experience that Hardy Board would be forgiving enough to go on the Old Mill, provide a more maintenance free product and keep the historical character of the building.

Megan Wren of Woodstown addressed the Township Committee regarding a new curriculum coming from the State of New Jersey regarding diversity, of all types, to be taught to all students.

Resident Betty Coombs commended Mrs. Wren on her speech and stated that the Board of Education for Upper Pittsgrove Township was looking for ways to address the curriculum in a different manner.

Seery introduced the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Upper Pittsgrove that the public shall be excluded from the following portion of this meeting during which time the Township Committee will discuss a subject for which the general nature is Contract Negotiations, Pending Litigation and Personnel. It is estimated that the time when, and the

circumstances under which, the discussion conducted in closed session can be disclosed to the public is at the conclusion of the issue.

Seery moved that this resolution be adopted which motion was seconded by Zeck and adopted upon a call of the roll.

Bishop - Yes      Meschi - Yes      Seery - Yes      Zeck – Yes      Cimprich – Yes

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Upper Pittsgrove at a meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022.

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Linda R. Stephens, Clerk

Seery moved that the next portion of the meeting be opened to the public. This motion was seconded by Zeck and adopted unanimously.

Seery made a motion to grant the CFO and Clerk, one time only, the sum of \$2,000 to cover any extra time they must work as part of their duties. Zeck seconded this motion which was adopted upon a call of the roll.

Bishop - Yes      Meschi - Yes      Seery - Yes      Zeck – Yes      Cimprich – Yes

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to meet at the call of the Mayor..

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Stephens, Clerk